

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-29 (canceled)

Claim 30 (currently amended): A method for promoting recovery of ~~ana~~ a specific organ of a mammal, the method comprising the steps of:

~~selecting a dietary protein selected from the group consisting of a protein hydrolysate having a specific degree of hydrolysis, one or more free amino acids and mixtures thereof form~~
of a dietary milk hydrolysate which increases protein concentration or rate of protein synthesis in the specific organ; and

administering a therapeutically effective amount of the dietary ~~protein~~ milk hydrolysate to the mammal.

Claim 31 (canceled)

Claim 32 (currently amended): The method of Claim 30 wherein the specific organ is the small intestine and the dietary ~~protein is protein hydrolysate with the~~ milk hydrolysate has a degree of hydrolysis of at least 30%.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): The method of Claim 30 wherein the specific organ is the duodenum and wherein the protein hydrolysate comprises more than about 30% by weight of di- and tri-peptides and has a non-protein nitrogen concentration of about 85% or more of total nitrogen.

Claim 34 (withdrawn): The method of Claim 30 wherein the specific organ is the jejunum and the protein hydrolysate has a degree of hydrolysis of about 15% or more.

Claim 35 (currently amended): The method of Claim 34 wherein the dietary ~~protein~~ is the protein-milk hydrolysate comprising comprises more than about 20% by weight of a di- and tri-peptides and a non-protein nitrogen concentration of about 60% or more of total nitrogen.

Claim 36 (canceled)

Claim 37 (previously presented): The method of Claim 36 wherein the mammal is suffering from muscular atrophy.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The method of Claim 36 wherein the mammal is suffering from a compromised gut function.

Claim 39 (currently amended): The method of Claim 30 wherein the dietary ~~protein~~ milk hydrolysate is provided in a nutritional formula.

Claim 40 (currently amended): The method of Claim 39 wherein the dietary ~~protein~~ is a protein-milk hydrolysate is acceptable for premature babies having underdeveloped intestines.

Claim 41 (currently amended): The method of Claim 40 wherein the ~~protein~~ dietary milk hydrolysate comprises more than about 30% by weight of di- and tri-peptides and has a non protein nitrogen concentration of about 85% or more of total nitrogen.